MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to part (*c*), may I know when the orders were passed for the estimates being prepared?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No such order was issued by the Government. The estimate is coming up from the lowest officer to the Chief Engineer. It is now before the Chief Engineer.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know when orders were issued for the preparation of the estimate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The petition received was sent to the Chief Engineer. It is upon that that action is being taken. The estimate is prepared by the Sub-divisional Officer and will go to the Chief Engineer through the Executive Engineer. It is now with the Chief Engineer.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know when they began the preparation of the estimate?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say that. The petition was forwarded on the 18th November 1925.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Does he remember approximately whether it was before or after the Budget Session last year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be before that. I do not know whether this petition was one directly presented to the Dewan.

Instructions re Admission of Students to the Science College.

67. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued any letter of directions to the Science College with regard to the admission of students during 1927-28; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether a copy of that letter will be laid on the table together with the reasons which weighed with the Director for issuing such directions this year (1102)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. Similar instructions were issued to the Principals of the Arts College and the College for Women.

(*b*) A copy* of the letter is laid on the table.

The instructions were issued in order to prevent overcrowding in the colleges in the interest of the students and of efficient instruction.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Director issued the order on his own initiative or whether the Government had given any direction to the Director?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government have not given any direction.

* *Vide* Appendix I—page 257.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether there was any similar order issued during the year 1926-27?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Does it not arise as a supplementary question?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I did not say that it does not arise.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): It arises, but you are not able to answer. Is it so?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I said that I am not aware.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether during 1926-27 more students were given admission in the Science College than there was accommodation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, in some classes. But it is reported that there was considerable overcrowding last year.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Was there any particular fact to show that there was inefficient tuition owing to overcrowding?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the natural inference. When a class is too large, tuition must be correspondingly less efficient than otherwise.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know why this particular fact was not considered when more students were admitted last year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot say now. That was last year.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Did they not know that at first?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Experience teaches us many things.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Therefore does the answer suggest that it is the experience gained during the last year that enabled the Director to issue this order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member may draw that inference if he thinks it correct.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know at what particular stage of numerical strength, inefficiency would commence?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is purely a matter of opinion on which I am not able to make a pronouncement.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Has the Government had occasion to ascertain it from the Director?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

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Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 67.**

No. 5103/1783.

Office of the Director of Public Instruction,
Trivandrum, 21st May 1927.

To

THE PRINCIPAL,
Science College, Trivandrum.

Sub:—Admission of pupils.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that in making admissions to the College this year and in subsequent years care should be taken to see that the number of students in any class does not exceed that for which there is proper accommodation.

I have etc.,
J. STEPHENSON,
Director of Public Instruction.

Appendix II A.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 68.**

Statement showing the amounts collected from the Kuzhitturai and Aramboly tollgates from 1094 to 1102.

Year.	Kuzhitturai.	Aramboly.
	Rs. ch. c.	Rs. ch. c.
1094 ...	13,751- 7-0	16,697-26-8
1095 ...	14,214-10-8	14,270-10-0
1096 ...	22,003-18-0	14,265- 7-8
1097 ...	29,716- 9-8	17,812-14-0
1098 ...	26,616-27-0	17,558- 1-0
1099 ...	29,975-25-0	17,965- 5-0
1100 ...	35,705 -0-0	22,205- 0-0
1101 ...	44,150- 0-0	17,000- 0-0
1102 up to 15th Mithunam ...	55,500 0-0	21,510- 0-0
Total ...	2,71,633-13-0	1,59,284 -8-0

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